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Kremlin action or series of actions not intended to have that result, or from actions which, in the Kremlin's view, entail the risk but not the certainty of war. We cannot agree that general war is improbable simply because the Kremlin is unlikely deliberately to initiate it.

3. With respect to the correct tempo of Western rearmament we would observe that the Kremlin has open to it many aggressive courses of action short of a deliberate initiation of general war. We believe that the Kremlin's decision to adopt, or not to adopt, an aggressive course of action will be influenced and possibly determined by the degree of military readiness of the West. Hence the tempo of Western rearmament cannot be made to depend wholly on an estimate of Kremlin intentions respecting general war.

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